

REMARKS

This application was filed with 16 claims. Claims 1-16 have been rejected. Claims 9-16 have been canceled. Claim 1 has been amended. Therefore, Claims 1-8 are pending in the Application. Reconsideration of the application based on the remaining claims as amended and arguments submitted below is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 112

Applicant has amended Claim 1 to obviate the rejection based on 35 U.S.C. § 112 by providing proper antecedent basis for the term "container". Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of Claims 1-8 under § 112 be withdrawn.

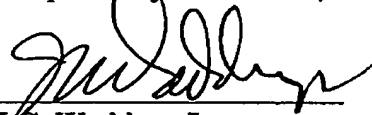
Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 9-16 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 based on Uhlig. These claims have been cancelled.

The foregoing amendments are made without prejudice to the Applicant's rights and are not intended to limit the breadth or scope of the claims remaining in the case.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment associated with the filing of this Response to Deposit Account 23-0035.

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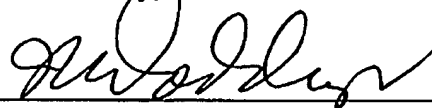
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